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I respectfully ask that you carefully avoid being swayed by a massive Microsoft-led write-in campaign.

I do not favor the "billion dollars in computers and software to schools" settlement for many reasons. It is difficult to trust Microsoft, given the lies Bill Gates is prone to telling.

Would Microsoft claim the \$429 cost for every copy of Microsoft Office it would give to schools? Or would they claim their actual cost of somewhere less than \$2? I suspect the latter.

When that copy of Microsoft Office has to be upgraded, doesn't this lock the schools into Microsoft products far beyond the initial copy of the application?

Apple Computer is much admired and used in schools. This is one area where Microsoft does not have a 90 to 10 advantage over Apple. The proposed settlement would tear into Apple's share.

Given the extreme wealth of Microsoft, gained while unlawfully running roughshod over other companies, one billion dollars in restitution is a huge joke. Perhaps 10 or 15 billion might be more rational.

Microsoft is one huge predatory company, intent on taking over EVERYTHING in the computer and internet world and MORE. Strong penalties are necessary.

Thanks for listening to an every-day computer user.

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Explaining the proposed Microsoft punishment:
"...someone is caught breaking into your house,
offers to repair the damage instead of going to
jail, if they can put up a massive billboard for
their house maintenance business in your front
yard for six months..." -- MacOpinion

